

# V e s s e l



**Amy Hughes (1985 - )**

## **Capriccio**

Circa: 2019

2019

United Kingdom

Porcelain

41 x 29 x 29 cm (16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches)

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## **Literature:**

Unique

## **Artist description:**

Born in West Yorkshire now living in London, Hughes first encountered clay on her Pre-BA Foundation Course at Batley School of Art & Design. She quickly became hooked and went on to study 3D-Design: Ceramics at Loughborough University, graduating with first class honours. Hughes completed her Masters Degree at the Royal College of Art in the school of Applied Arts; Ceramics and Glass.

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